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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet
United States District Court
844 North King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Synopsys, Inc. v. Magma Design Automation
C.A. No. 05-701 (GMS)

Dear Judge Sleet:

On January 23, 2006, plaintiff Synopsys filed a motion to bifurcate and stay antitrust claims and to bifurcate and stay all claims affected by likely PTO reexaminations. (D.I. 31). As the title reflects, one of the grounds on which Synopsys based its motion was that the US Patent Office would likely be reexamining two of the patents in suit -- U.S. Patent Nos. 6,434,733 and 6,766,501 -- and that such reexamination would likely have an impact on the claims relating to those patents, including Magma's antitrust and state law claims. We write to advise the Court that the US Patent Office has now granted the requests for reexamination of these two patents. (The Orders granting the reexamination requests are attached as Exhibits A and B).

Respectfully,

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